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USDA Mission Area	Rec. No.	Status Code	Status Code Definition	Recommendation Subject Category	Recommendation Synopsis
FFAS	1.12	1	Fully Implemented	Credit	Focus national direct lending & guaranteed loan policies on small farmers
FFAS	1.13	1	Fully Implemented	Credit	Amend regs to limit FSA county committees role in approving loan applications
FFAS	1.14	1	Fully Implemented	Credit	Implement Line-of-Credit Loans Authorized Under the 1996 FAIR ACT
FFAS	1.15	1	Fully Implemented	Credit	Issue regs to fully implement the "Preferred Lender"... provisions for loans under \$50,000
FFAS	1.19	1	Fully Implemented	Civil Rights/Farmworkers/Coop.	U.S. Attorney should comply with foreclosure moratorium on USDA case reviews
FFAS	1.20	1	Fully Implemented	Credit	Streamline application process for direct & guaranteed loans
FFAS	1.22	1	Fully Implemented	Credit	Amend law to extend the 10-year shared appreciation period
FFAS	4.09	1	Fully Implemented	Outreach & Organization	Implement a formal outreach program to promote guaranteed lending program
FFAS	4.13	1	Fully Implemented	Risk Management	Expand RMA Insurance Coverage & Increase Federal Subsidy on Crop Insurance
FFAS	4.14	1	Fully Implemented	Risk Management	Implement Outreach Program to Contact Clients Involved in Shared Appreciation Cases
FFAS	5.01	1	Fully Implemented	Beginning Farmers	Streamline Transfer & Assumption Programs for Loans Between Family Members
FFAS	5.04	1	Fully Implemented	Credit	Streamlining FSA's Guaranteed Loan Regulations to Give Lenders More Flexibility
FFAS	5.08	1	Fully Implemented	Beginning Farmers	Appointment of a Beginning Farmer Advisory Board
FFAS	6.11	1	Fully Implemented	Risk Management	Develop An Affordable Whole Farm Revenue Insurance Pilot Project
FFAS	6.16	1	Fully Implemented	Risk Management	New insurance policies for emerging products such as containerized nursery plants
FFAS	7.04	1	Fully Implemented	Credit	Request Congress to appropriate maxium funds authorized for direct farm ownership loans
FFAS	1.18	2	Partially Implemented	Credit	Obtain waiver from Treasury to eliminate offsets for debt collections, loans...
FFAS	1.21	2	Partially Implemented	Credit	Implement Proposed Changes to the FSA Appraisal Criteria Process
FFAS	1.23	2	Partially Implemented	Civil Rights/Farmworkers/Coop.	Implement all CRAT Recommendations
FFAS	1.26	2	Partially Implemented	Civil Rights/Farmworkers/Coop.	Increase Representation of Minority Farmers on the FSA County Committees
FFAS	1.27	2	Partially Implemented	Civil Rights/Farmworkers/Coop.	Settle All Outstanding Claims of Discrimination Claims Against USDA by Farmers
FFAS	1.29	2	Partially Implemented	Research & Extension	Study the Success of Tobacco Program & the Environmental Impact of Proposed Changes
FFAS	2.10	2	Partially Implemented	Outreach & Organization	Share the DALR\$ Computer Software Program with Community-Based Organizations
FFAS	4.12	2	Partially Implemented	Risk Management	Provide Educational Information on Sustainable Agriculture Practices & Managing Risk
FFAS	5.02	2	Partially Implemented	Beginning Farmers	Issue a National Policy Statement Re: Eligibility Requirements for Beginng Farmers
FFAS	5.05	2	Partially Implemented	Beginning Farmers	New program to support multiple beginning farmer training & assistance
FFAS	1.16	3	Unable to be Implemented	Credit	Propose legislation to repeal the unfair "Debt Forgiveness" Provisions
FFAS	1.17	3	Unable to be Implemented	Credit	Restore loan service methodologies & timelines in the 1992 farm credit
FFAS	5.03	3	Unable to be Implemented	Beginning Farmers	Proposed legislation to guarantee tax-exempt first time farmer bonds for beginning farms
FFAS	5.06	3	Unable to be Implemented	Beginning Farmers	Create a beginning farmer grant program to provide seed money for beginning farmers
FFAS	1.30	3	Unable to be Implemented	Credit	Target recommendations related to market development...for tobacco-producing states
FFAS	1.31	4	Not Implemented	Credit	Proposed audit of FSA direct loan records by a private firm
FFAS	4.04	4	Not Implemented	Credit	Request legislation to authorize USDA to use direct load funds for relending program

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FNCS	7.11	2	Partially Implemented	Market Development	Increase funding for the WIC/Farmers Market Nutrition Program to \$25 million

**Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services (FNCS): Total No. Recommendations --- 1**

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FS	3.28	4	Not Implemented	Market Access/Enforcement	USDA's Advisory Committee on Agricultural Concentration Proposal on inspection stds.
<b>Food Safety (FS): Total No. Recommendations --- 1</b>					

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MRP	3.02	1	Fully Implemented	Market Access/Enforcement	Don't transfer GIPSA's enforcement authority for investigations to another Fed. agency
MRP	3.03	1	Fully Implemented	Market Access/Enforcement	Increase funds for GIPSA anticompetitive investigations in livestock, poultry industries
MRP	3.04	1	Fully Implemented	Market Access/Enforcement	Toll-Free Number for GIPSA complaints relating to market abuses
MRP	3.08	1	Fully Implemented	Market Access/Enforcement	Evaluate need for Fed. legislation to provide uniform contract regulations for all growers
MRP	3.09	1	Fully Implemented	Market Access/Enforcement	Work with States to strengthen marketing enforcement in the PACA program
MRP	3.01	2	Partially Implemented	Market Access/Enforcement	Implement options in Inspector General's report regarding GIPSA enforcement policies
MRP	3.05	2	Partially Implemented	Market Access/Enforcement	Amend Agricultural Fair Practices Act to prohibit discriminatory pricing based on volume
MRP	3.15	2	Partially Implemented	Market Access/Enforcement	Proposed Commission on Market Concentration
MRP	7.08	2	Partially Implemented	Market Access/Enforcement	Increased GIPSA funds for investigations in livestock, poultry industries & GIPSA reorgan.
MRP	7.10	2	Partially Implemented	Market Development	Increase funding for National Organic Prog. for enforcement of national standards
MRP	3.11	2	Partially Implemented	Market Access/Enforcement	Mandatory reporting for all AMS packer livestock transactions
MRP/FNCS	3.26	2	Partially Implemented	Market Development	Interagency plan to promote direct marketing & initiatives to benefit small farmers
MRP	6.03	2	Partially Implemented	Research & Extension	Publication of a final rule for the National Organic Standards
MRP	3.06	3	Unable to be Implemented	Market Access/Enforcement	Amend Agricultural Fair Practices Act to transfer enforcement authority from DOJ to USDA
MRP	3.07	3	Unable to be Implemented	Market Access/Enforcement	Amend Sec. 202 of the Packers and Stockyards Act to include poultry
MRP	3.10	4	Not Implemented	Market Access/Enforcement	For petition to prohibit packers from using forward contracting to buy cattle for slaughter
MRP	7.07	4	Not Implemented	Market Development	Increase funds from \$1.2 to \$3 million yearly for the Fed.-State Market. Improvement Prog.
<b>Marketing &amp; Regulatory Programs (MRP): Total No. Recommendations --- 17</b>					

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NRE	4.07	1	Fully Implemented	Outreach & Organization	Holding local educational seminars for explaining agency programs and benefits
NRE	4.22	1	Fully Implemented	Outreach & Organization	Intensify outreach efforts for traditionally under-served farmers owning private woodlots
NRE	5.12	1	Fully Implemented	Conservation	Identify priority factors for farmland preservation
NRE	6.09	1	Fully Implemented	Conservation	Create resource management teams to solve problems facing multiple use of public lands
NRE	6.12	1	Fully Implemented	Conservation	Exercise restraint in approving exceptions to the 1,000-animal-units eligibility limit on EQIP
NRE	7.14	1	Fully Implemented	Conservation	Increase funding for the Forest Stewardship Program to \$27.5 million annually
NRE	3.20	2	Partially Implemented	Research & Extension	Research and technology initiatives for agroforestry products
NRE	5.13	2	Partially Implemented	Conservation	Expand the Farmland Preservation Prog. to include matching grants to nonprofit land trusts
NRE	6.13	2	Partially Implemented	Conservation	Give incentives to small farmers to recover endangered species & preserve natural resources
NRE	6.15	2	Partially Implemented	Conservation	Implement policy to include commercial values of timber & woodlots in all farm plans
NRE	7.13	2	Partially Implemented	Conservation	Increase funding for the Forestry Incentive Program to \$6.62 million
NRE	7.15	3	Unable to be Implemented	Conservation	Increase funding for the Stewardship Incentive Program to \$10 million
NRE	6.06	4	Not Implemented	Conservation	Legislative initiatives that preserve grazing & water use rights of small public land permittees
NRE	6.08	4	Not Implemented	Conservation	Suspend reductions in grazing permits on U. S. Forest Service Allotments
NRE	6.10	4	Not Implemented	Conservation	Use 100 percent of grazing fees to fund conservation programs

**Natural Resources & Environment (NRE): Total No. Recommendations --- 15**

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OCR	1.23	2	Partially Implemented	Civil Rights/Farmworkers/Coop.	Implement all recommendations in the CRAT report.
Office of Civil Rights (OCR): <b>Total No. Recommendations --- 1</b>					

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OIA	2.13	4	Not Implemented	Civil Rights/Farmworkers/Coop.	Conduct evaluation of services to Indian reservations for compliance with 1990 farm bill
OIA	2.14	4	Not Implemented	Civil Rights/Farmworkers/Coop.	Recognize Indian reservations whose area exceeds 100,000 acres as service areas

Office of Indian Affairs (OIA): **Total No. Recommendations --- 2**

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OR	4.08	1	Fully implemented	Outreach & Organization	Use grant program funds to train new farmer advocates
OR	1.24	2	Partially Implemented	Civil Rights/Farmworkers/Coop.	Proposed National Registry of Minority Farmers
OR	1.28	2	Partially Implemented	Civil Rights/Farmworkers/Coop.	Implement All 92 Recommendations in the CRAT Report
OR	1.32	2	Partially Implemented	Civil Rights/Farmworkers/Coop.	Review of USDA programs, policies and regulations for bias against small farms
OR	4.01	2	Partially Implemented	Outreach & Organization	Proposed National Directory of Small Farms & Ranches
OR	4.02	2	Partially Implemented	Outreach & Organization	USDA oversight of a voluntary national small farms directory
OR	4.03	2	Partially Implemented	Civil Rights/Farmworkers/Coop.	Reporting mechanism to measure effectiveness of services for small farmers/ranches
OR	4.05	2	Partially Implemented	Civil Rights/Farmworkers/Coop.	Formation of mentoring programs & consortiums for small farm and ranch operators
OR	4.06	2	Partially Implemented	Outreach & Organization	Fund training sessions, newsletters & educational materials through traditional partners
OR	4.15	2	Partially Implemented	Risk Management	Streamline applications for smaller grant and loan requests
OR	4.16	2	Partially Implemented	Outreach & Organization	Evaluate & improve outreach plans; implement CRAT recommendations 38, 39, & 40
OR	4.19	2	Partially Implemented	Outreach & Organization	Using innovative ways to encourage and increase small farm participation
OR	4.21	2	Partially Implemented	Outreach & Organization	Employing local paraprofessionals to assist local office in processing applications
OR	7.03	3	Unable to be Implemented	Outreach & Organization	Sec. 2501-Prog.-Outreach & Tech. Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged/ Minority Farmers
OR	4.18	4	Not Implemented	Outreach & Organization	Evaluate performance and impact of small farm programs
OR	4.20	4	Not Implemented	Outreach & Organization	Flexible or alternative work schedules for USDA local offices

**Office of Outreach (OR): Total No.Recommendations --- 16**



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REE	6.07	1	Fully Implemented	Conservation	Conduct economic impact studies to determine importance of livestock grazing on public lands
REE	6.14	1	Fully Implemented	Outreach & Organization	Sponsoring regional pilot projects to give forestry opportunities for small farms and ranches
REE	1.01	1	Partially Implemented	Research & Extension	Implement a small farm research initiative using the ingenuity of small farmers research priorities
REE	6.05	1	Partially Implemented	Research & Extension	Encourage land-grant agriculture university colleges to offer courses in sustainable agriculture
REE	1.02	2	Partially Implemented	Research & Extension	Proposed ERS study of systems, strategies & technologies used by successful small farmers
REE	1.03	2	Partially Implemented	Research & Extension	Designing REE research based on successful small farm models
REE	1.04	2	Partially Implemented	Research & Extension	ARS research projects to strengthen small farms
REE	1.05	2	Partially Implemented	Research & Extension	Prioritize competitive grants to target research that focuses on the needs of small farms
REE	1.06	2	Partially Implemented	Research & Extension	Focus research portion of Fund for Rural America on small farms
REE	1.11	2	Partially Implemented	Research & Extension	REE emphasis of market development education & technical assistance for small farmers
REE	2.06	2	Partially Implemented	Research & Extension	Encourage State match for 1890 and 1994 land grant universities
REE	2.09	2	Partially Implemented	Research & Extension	Expand outreach support for partnerships with the private and nonprofit sectors
REE	2.11	2	Partially Implemented	Outreach & Organization	Representation on National Research, Education and Economics (NAREE) Advisory Board
REE	3.23	2	Partially Implemented	Research & Extension	Cooperative marketing courses in the 1862 and 1890 land-grant universities
REE	3.25	2	Partially Implemented	Research & Extension	Expand efforts by Land-grant universities to help small farmers develop value-added products
REE	3.27	2	Partially Implemented	Market Development	Launch a Small Farm Entrepreneurial Development Initiative to promote value-added process.
REE	3.29	2	Partially Implemented	Risk Management	NASS measuring methods for value of farm production in U.S.
REE	5.07	2	Partially Implemented	Beginning Farmers	Review tax code effects on entry and exit from farming
REE	5.09	2	Partially Implemented	Beginning Farmers	Use Fund for Rural America to support beginning farmers
REE	5.10	2	Partially Implemented	Beginning Farmers	ERS research to design alternative methods to transfer farms from retiring to begin. farmers
REE	6.01	2	Partially Implemented	Conservation	Inform farmers of the results of the 10 years of SARE research
REE	6.02	2	Partially Implemented	Conservation	Identify small farms that have particularly high reliance on pesticide and nutrient use
REE	7.09	2	Unable to be Implemented	Market Development	Fund for Rural America funding
REE	8.01	2	Partially Implemented	Civil Rights/Farmworkers/Coop.	Establish an interdepartmental task force to review & enforce farmworker regulations
REE	8.02	2	Partially Implemented	Civil Rights/Farmworkers/Coop.	Implement CRAT recommendations relating to pesticides and environmental justice
REE	8.03	2	Partially Implemented	Civil Rights/Farmworkers/Coop.	Examination of farm-related stress by Land-grant universities
REE	1.25	3	Unable to be Implemented	Civil Rights/Farmworkers/Coop.	Increase funding for 1890, 1862, and 1994 Land-grant Colleges & Universities
REE	7.01	3	Unable to be Implemented	Research & Extension	Increase funding for SARE Program by \$10 million each year until FY 2001
REE	7.05	4	Unable to be Implemented	Market Development	Smith-Lever Formula (3c) for Small and Part-Time Farmer program
REE	7.16	4	Not Implemented.	Research & Extension	Fund the Renewable Resources Extension Act at \$6 million each year

Research, Education & Economics (REE): Total No. Recommendations --- 30

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**Report Summary**

**Chart 1: Summary By Mission Area/Office:**

<u>Mission Area/Office</u>	<u>No. of Recommendations Fully or Partially Implemented</u>
1. FNCS = Food, Nutrition & Consumer Servic .....	1 of 1 ---- (100%)
2. FFAS = Farm & Foreign Agricultural Servic .....	26 of 33 ---- (79%)
3. FS = Food Safety .....	0 of 1 ---- (0%)
4. MRP = Marketing Regulatory Programs .....	13 of 17 ---- (76%)
5. NRE = Natural Resources & Environment .....	11 of 15 ---- (73%)
6. RD = Rural Development .....	17 of 17 ---- (100%)
7. REE = Research, Education & Economics .....	26 of 30 ---- (87%)
8. OCE = Office of the Chief Economist .....	8 of 13 ---- (62%)
9. OIA = Office of Indian Affairs .....	0 of 2 ---- (0%)
10. OR = Office of Outreach .....	13 of 16 ---- (81%)
11. OCR = Office of Civil Rights .....	1 of 1 ---- (100%)
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>116 of 146 ---- (79%)</b>

**Chart 2: Summary by Implementation Status Code**

No. Code 1 ---- 47 (32%) --> Fully Implemented  
 No. Code 2 ---- 69 (47%) --> Partially Implemented  
 No. Code 3 ---- 14 (10%) --> Unable to be Implemented  
 No. Code 4 ---- 16 (11%) --> Not Implemented

**Grand Total: ..... 146**